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Attorney Docket No.	CISCO-4667
First Inventor	Van Horne
Title	COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK...
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 4 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 23 ]
5. Oath or Declaration (2) [Total Pages 4 ]
- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy) Revocation)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09,289,199

Prior application information:

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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Title	COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK...
Atty Docket Number	CISCO-4667

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has **not** and **will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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APPLICANT: Peter Van Horne, et al.  
SERIAL NO.: (not yet assigned)  
FILING DATE: May 2, 2001  
TITLE: COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK CONNECTION SYSTEM  
AND METHOD  
EXAMINER: Peeso, T.  
ART UNIT: 2132

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**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing under the Continuing Application Procedure, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b); for a continuation application of prior application Serial No. 09/289,199, naming inventors Peter Van Horne, Keith Olson and Kevin Miller, assigned to Cisco Systems, Inc.(a copy of the Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 373(b) and Assignment recorded at Reel 011077, Frame 0195, showing chain of title from the inventors to the current assignee is enclosed), entitled, "COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK CONNECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD", including Utility Patent Application Transmittal, 28 page(s) of specification, 12 page(s) of claims, 23 sheet(s) of drawing figures, and 1 page(s) of Abstract.

The attorney's Docket Number of this application is CISCO-4667.

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